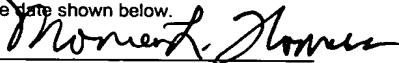


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In submission herewith, there is a divisional patent application claiming priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/860,738, that was filed May 18, 2001 and entitled, "METHOD OF PRODUCING A DNA LIBRARY USING POSITIONAL AMPLIFICATION", which claimed priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/206,095, filed May 20, 2000, of the same name. Applicants request the following amendments to the specification, which begin on page 2 of this paper, and amendments to the claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.